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January 22, 1998

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Re: Tentative Approval of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Utah Building Stone Supply Company (UBSSC), Grouse Creek Operations Mine, M/003/031, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bown:

The Division has completed a review of your January 5, 1998 response to our initial review of your Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Grouse Creek Operations mine, located in Box Elder County, Utah. After reviewing the information, we have determined it to be adequate for us to grant tentative approval of your Notice. As you know, the Grouse Creek Project includes private, state and federally managed lands. Our tentative approval to conduct mining operations will not authorize UBSSC to begin (or reactivate) operations on state leased land or federal mining claims without prior approval from the School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

We have forwarded our tentative approval decision to the appropriate newspaper agencies to begin a formal 30-day public comment period. Assuming no substantive comments are received during the public comment period, we anticipate making a formal presentation on the amount and form of reclamation surety to our Board of Oil, Gas and Mining on February 25, 1998. You are welcome to attend this hearing if you wish to be in attendance.

As Lynn Kunzler discussed with you on the telephone, the Division is holding bond # ~~XXXXXX~~ from Far West Insurance Company in the amount of \$12,500 as interim reclamation surety for this site. You have requested that we continue to hold this bond, recognizing that it presently exceeds the final calculated reclamation cost (\$12,200) by \$300.00. We have forwarded a partially completed reclamation contract to you that needs to be completed (tabbed pages) and returned by February 6, 1998, in order to be able to meet the monthly Board package mailing deadline. Our final approval of your large mining permit will follow formal acceptance by the Board of the proposed amount and form of reclamation surety.

We received a letter from the Grouse Creek Livestock Association (GCLA) requesting that the access road crossing their private land remain to preserve postmining access to their property. Their

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letter requests that you remove the abandoned vehicles and mining-related debris from their property. It is the Division's understanding that the abandoned vehicles and debris are located within the process/grading area. This cleanup work should be done when you begin your operations this year (1998) so that your agreement with the GCLA is not jeopardized.

Finally, we request that you please revise the map for the process/grading area to include a disturbed area boundary line and a map scale. This map will need to be submitted before the Division will grant its final approval of your large mining notice.

Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to complete the permitting for your operation. Please contact me at (801) 538-5286, or Lynn Kunzler at 538-5310 if you have additional questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you on February 25, 1998 for the Board hearing which begins at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,



D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Attachment: Reclamation Contract - sent 1/20/98  
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